



# The Massachusetts Health Policy Forum

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## Agenda

### The Pandemic Threat: Is Massachusetts Prepared?

Thursday, June 8, 2006

8:30am-11:30am

Radisson Hotel Boston  
200 Stuart Street, Boston

**8:30am – 9am – Registration and Breakfast** (Carver Ballroom)

**9am to 11:30am – Featured Presentation and a Panel Discussion**

**Welcome:** 9:00 to 9:40

**Philip Johnston**, *Chair, Massachusetts Health Policy Forum*

**Senator Edward Kennedy**, *United States Senator (prerecorded video address)*

**Dr. Julie Gerberding**, *Director, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention*

How is the federal government coordinating with states and localities for a potential pandemic?  
What needs to be done to better prepare and coordinate?

**A Panel Discussion:** 9:40 to 10:20

Moderator:

**Dr. Howard Koh**, *Associate Dean for Public Health Practice, Harvard School of Public Health*

Panel:

**Commissioner Paul Cote**, *Massachusetts Department of Public Health*

What has been done and what will be done in Massachusetts to prepare for a pandemic?

**Representative Peter Koutoujian**, *House Chair, Joint Committee on Public Health*

How prepared is the state? What is the legislative role in funding and administrative oversight?

**Harold Cox**, *Chief Public Health Officer, Cambridge Department of Public Health*

Are cities and towns well coordinated with the state? How prepared are cities and towns to cope with a pandemic?

**Q and A:** 10:20 to 11:20

**Closing Remarks:** 11:20 to 11:30 **Dr. Howard Koh**

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